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Dear Friends:

I would like to inform you about an important upcoming event, the National Safety Stand-Down to Prevent Falls in Construction. The Kentucky Labor Cabinet, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, and the National Occupational Research Agenda Construction Sector Council are encouraging employers and employees to participate in the stand-down during the week of June 2-6, 2014. We are asking employers to set aside time during that week to have an open discussion with their workers about falls and how to prevent them.

Falls are the leading cause of death in construction nationally and **in Kentucky**. *Those deaths are preventable.* I am asking you to help us promote, and participate in, the stand-down to raise awareness among workers and employers about fall hazards. By helping us raise awareness about the hazards of falls from ladders, scaffolds, roofs, and other walking/working surfaces, you will be part of a concerted effort throughout the nation to reduce the number of deaths and injuries that result from falls in construction. Although the national stand-down was developed for the construction industry, its message is applicable for all industries and I welcome everyone's involvement.

Cost-free resources are available for the stand-down and are found at www.stopconstructionfalls.com and <http://www.osha.gov/stopfalls/index.html>. Kentucky Labor Cabinet staff members are also available to provide cost-free assistance; contact Mr. Mike Pettit at (502) 564-4069 for more information.

I would like to acknowledge Kentucky stand-down participants on the Labor Cabinet's 2014 Fall Prevention Campaign webpage at www.labor.ky.gov. Visit the webpage and let us know what you are doing for the stand-down; you will be recognized. OSHA will provide employers a certificate of participation if they complete a small online questionnaire at <http://www.osha.gov/StopFallsStandDown>. I encourage you to do so.

Participation in the stand-down is entirely voluntary and I hope employers and employees will take advantage of this unique opportunity. Please pass along this life-saving information to others who could benefit; we can make a difference if we work together. Thank you for your help in this important initiative.

Sincerely,

Larry Roberts, Secretary



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